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The Honorable Edward L. Rowny
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Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thanks very much for giving me an opportunity to comment on your interesting memo on START issues.

I am sure you are aware that the current line coming out of Moscow is that the Soviets will not reopen the START negotiations before there has been some movement on the INF issues. I wonder whether your approach would work if that problem is not addressed.

And getting around Gromyko will also be a problem. Given the Soviet system and his position in it, we may be able to bypass him in the initial stages, but we believe he will inevitably learn of such a step. In any case, Gromyko will have considerable influence on any decision involving Soviet arms control policy.

Of course, this is a matter for the President to decide. In the meantime, please let us know if we can assist you.

Yours,

/s/ Bill

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